

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 4, between the 7th and 8th paragraph add the following

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING --

Figure 1 is a graph showing the resistance to the permeation of trichloroethylene by a composite membrane. –

Page 23, delete the graph and make the graph Figure 1.

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial and chemical deactivating composition for use in a liquid medium or for incorporation into a coating, structural plastic material, thin microporous membrane, textile, or sponge, said composition comprising nanosize or submicron particles of silver, silver-copper alloy, chemical compounds of copper, iron, molybdenum and zinc Pyrithione.

2. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial composition comprising nanosize or submicron size silver, silver-copper alloy, copper, iron, molybdenum and zinc Pyrithione as a powder, dispersion or an encapsulated composition with a suitable polymeric hydrogel selected from a group of acrylates, hydrophilic polyurethanes, polyvinyl alcohol, natural biopolymers, polyacetic acid, and acrylamides.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Withdrawn) A method for reducing the exposure to, or for deactivating chemical and biological warfare agents, and other toxic organic vapors at the surfaces of materials, comprising incorporating an antimicrobial and a chemical deactivating agent in porous fluropolymers with a sandwich layer or crosslinked polyvinyl alcohol or vinylalcohol copolymers with plasticizers and additives with the cross linking agents glyoxal, formaldehyde, and titanium triamino isopropoxide.

5. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material comprising:

a laminating layer for providing a physical barrier to chemical vapors while permitting moisture to pass through said layer;

a chemical deactivating composition deposited on said laminating layer, said chemical deactivating composition comprising 5 to 25 percent by weight of a chemical deactivating formulation and 0 to 23 percent by weight of a plasticizer blended with a carrier polymer or other carrier material, said carrier polymer or other carrier material comprising 75 to 95 percent by weight of the chemical deactivating composition, said chemical deactivating formulation comprising:

5 to 25 percent by weight of nanosize metallic particles selected from the group consisting of silver and silver-copper alloys;

15 to 60 percent by weight of metal compounds selected from the group of titanium, copper, Molybdenum, silver, copper vanadium, manganese and iron;

0 to 3 percent by weight of organic tertiary amine bearing compounds;

0 to 1 percent by weight of inert materials selected from the group of montmorillonite and talc; and

0 to 3 percent by weight of citric acid;

~~catalytic material deposited on said laminating layer to provide chemical deactivation;~~

an antimicrobial composition deposited on said catalytic materials, said antimicrobial composition comprising 5 to 25 percent by weight of an antimicrobial formulation, 3 to 6.6 percent by weight of zinc pyrithione and 0 to 23 percent by weight of a plasticizer blended with a carrier polymer or other carrier material, said carrier polymer or other carrier material making up 15 to 95 percent by weight of the antimicrobial composition, said antimicrobial formulation comprising:

5 to 27.5 percent by weight of nanosize metallic particles selected from the group of silver and silver/copper alloys;

15 to 46 percent by weight of one or more metal compounds selected from the group of oxides, phosphates, citrates, pyrithione and salicylates of silver, copper, zinc and bismuth;

0 to 10 percent by weight of sodium compounds selected from the group of salicylate and triphosphate; and

0 to 80 percent by weight of parabenzoic acid esters.

6. (Currently Amended) The antimicrobial, chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 5 wherein said laminating layer, said catalytic material and said antimicrobial are ~~carbon~~ free from activated carbon.

7. (Withdrawn) The antimicrobial and chemical deactivating material of claim 5 further comprising an assembly of positively charged polymers self assembling with negatively charged polymers to form a water insoluble electrostatic barrier.

8. (Withdrawn) The antimicrobial and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 5 wherein said laminating layer comprises polyvinylalcohol applied to an expanded microporous Poly tetrafluoro Ethylene film wherein the polyvinyl alcohol is cross linked.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An antimicrobial~~ A chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material comprising:

a laminating layer for providing a physical barrier to chemical vapors while permitting moisture to pass through said layer;

a chemical deactivating composition deposited on said laminating layer, said chemical deactivating composition comprising 5 to 25 percent by weight of a chemical deactivating formulation and 0 to 23 percent by weight of a plasticizer blended with a carrier polymer or other carrier material, said carrier polymer or other carrier material comprising 75 to 95 percent by weight of the chemical deactivating composition, said chemical deactivating formulation comprising:

5 to 25 percent by weight of nanosize metallic particles selected from the group consisting of silver and silver-copper alloys;

15 to 60 percent by weight of metal compounds selected from the group of titanium, copper, Molybdenum, silver, copper vanadium, manganese and iron;

0 to 3 percent by weight of organic tertiary amine bearing compounds;

0 to 1 percent by weight of inert materials selected from the group of montmorillonite and talc; and

0 to 3 percent by weight of citric acid.

~~_____ catalytic material deposited on said laminating layer to provide chemical deactivation.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~antimicrobial~~ chemical protective and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 9 wherein said laminating layer, said catalytic material and said antimicrobial are ~~carbon~~ free of activated carbon.

11. (Withdrawn) The antimicrobial and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 9 further comprising an assembly of positively charged polymers self assembling with negatively charged polymers to form a water insoluble electrostatic barrier.

12. (Withdrawn) The antimicrobial and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 9 wherein said laminating layer comprises polyvinylalcohol applied to an expanded microporous Poly tetrafluoro Ethylene E film wherein the plasticized polyvinylalcohol layer is cross-linked.

13. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial and chemical protective agent ~~deactivating~~ material comprising:

a laminating layer for providing a physical barrier to chemical vapors while permitting moisture to pass through said layer;

~~_____ an antimicrobial deposited on said catalytic materials.~~

an antimicrobial composition deposited on said catalytic materials, said antimicrobial composition comprising 5 to 25 percent by weight of an antimicrobial formulation, 3 to 6.6 percent by weight of zinc pyrithione and 0 to 23 percent by weight of a plasticizer

blended with a carrier polymer or other carrier material, said carrier polymer or other carrier material making up 15 to 95 percent by weight of the antimicrobial composition, said antimicrobial formulation comprising:

5 to 27.5 percent by weight of nanosize metallic particles selected from the group of silver and silver/copper alloys;

15 to 46 percent by weight of one or more metal compounds selected from the group of oxides, phosphates, citrates, pyrithione and salicylates of silver, copper, zinc and bismuth;

0 to 10 percent by weight of sodium compounds selected from the group of salicylate and triphosphate; and

0 to 80 percent by weight of parabenzoic acid esters.

14. (Currently Amended) The antimicrobial and chemical ~~agent deactivating~~ protective material of claim 13 wherein said laminating layer, said catalytic material and said antimicrobial are ~~carbon~~ free of activated carbon.

15. (Withdrawn) The antimicrobial and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 13 further comprising an assembly of positively charged polymers self assembling with negatively charged polymers to form a water insoluble electrostatic barrier

16. (Withdrawn) The antimicrobial and chemical agent deactivating material of claim 13 wherein said laminating layer comprises polyvinylalcohol applied to an expanded microporous Polytetra fluoro ethylene film wherein the polyvinylalcohol layer is cross-linked.

17. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial and chemical deactivating mixture comprising:
catalytic material for providing chemical deactivation;
an antimicrobial;
polyvinyl alcohol;
wherein said catalytic material, antimicrobial and polyvinyl alcohol are blended to form said mixture.

18. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial and chemical deactivating material comprising:
a laminating layer of plasma treated polyvinyl alcohol for providing a
physical barrier to chemical vapors while permitting moisture to pass through said layer;
catalytic material deposited on said laminating layer to provide chemical
deactivation;
an antimicrobial deposited on said catalytic materials.

19. (Withdrawn) The antimicrobial and chemical deactivating material of claim 18
wherein said laminating layer, said catalytic material and said antimicrobial are carbon free.

20. (Withdrawn) An antimicrobial and chemical deactivating textile finish coating
comprising:
polyurethane;
an antimicrobial blended with said polyurethane.